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Honorable Alfonse M. D'Amato  
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Dear Senator D'Amato:

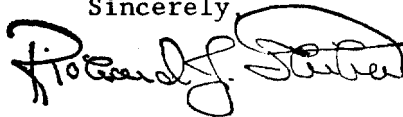
This is in reply to your letter of February 18, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben  
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division  
Private Radio Bureau

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3202

February 18, 1993

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Federal Communications Commission  
2025 M Street, NW  
Room 6202  
Washington, D.C. 20554


Dear Director:

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested.

PLEASE TRY TO RESPOND WITHIN 4 WEEKS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS REQUEST. YOUR FINDINGS AND VIEWS, IN DUPLICATE, ALONG WITH RETURN OF THIS MEMO PLUS ENCLOSURE, WILL BE APPRECIATED.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,



Alfonse M. D'Amato  
United States Senator

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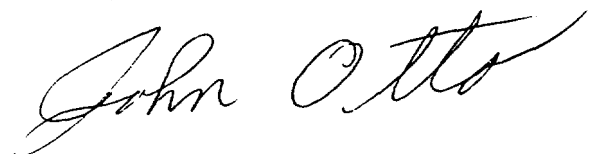
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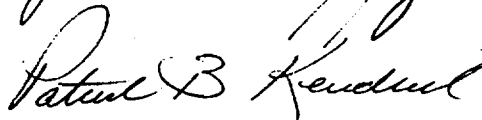
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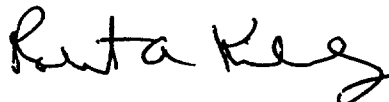
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February 10, 1993

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Dear Senator D'Amato:

I have been interested in Aviation for as long as I can remember and have for the last 20 years derived many pleasurable hours of enjoyment operating radio controlled model aircraft. I am very active and am a Officer of our local club where members enjoy modeling of all levels from "building" to "building and flying" R/C radio controlled model aircrafts, boats, cars.

In addition, our club offers the community demonstrations at local schools, boy scouts, etc., in order to promote the hobby and aviation and to help direct youngsters attention to a worthwhile past time or even a career in aviation.

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Peter Amato  
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Dear Senator D'Amato:

I am the second of three generations of radio controlled model airplane flyers. Aside from the hours of enjoyment I derive from building and flying my planes, this sport has also created a strong bond between my Dad, my son and myself; as we are all active members in local flying clubs.

The public at large has a strong misconception of this sport. A person does not go into his or her local hobby shop, buy a model plane, and take it out and fly it. I cannot emphasize enough that these are not toys! In fact, very often they have wing spans of six or seven feet and travel in excess of 100 m.p.h., powered by the equivalent of a chain saw engine spinning a 20" propeller at 16,000 r.p.m. Their construction is precise and exacting and takes weeks, months, and even years to complete, and can only be flown after years of highly supervised training. It is, in fact, harder to fly a radio controlled airplane than to fly a real one!

When we fly our model planes, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of all people present (apart from the operators, this sport also generates a large spectator population). One of our most important safety precautions is the careful coordination and use of radio frequencies. Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower band widths (PR Docket 92-235). At present, there is one land frequency between each of the frequencies used by modelers. The FCC's plan, if adopted, would increase this to 5 land frequencies. As a result, many land frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference with radio control operations, with the possibility of crippling or fatal consequences.

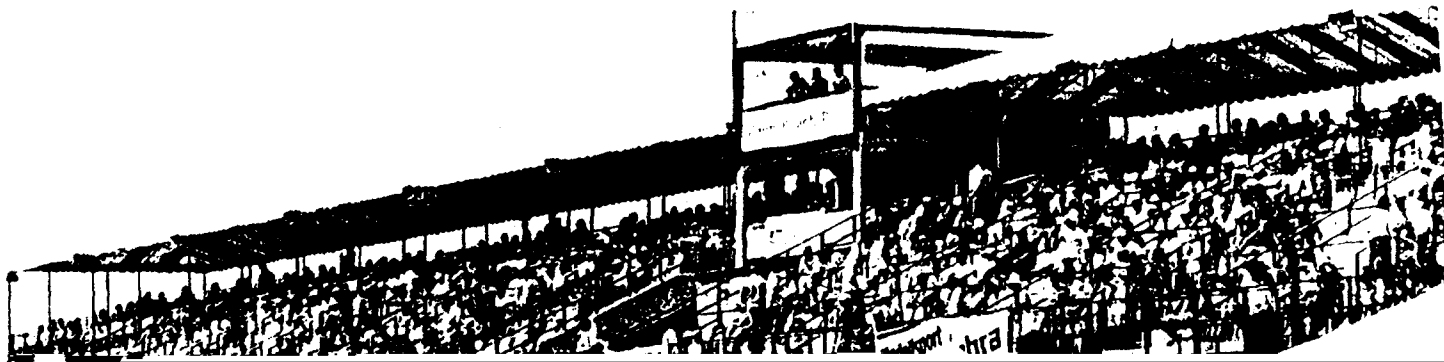
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Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable

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